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## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method of <u>providing a pharmacological agent to an eye</u> for ophthamologic use, that causes little or no damage to the retina, even when used long <u>term</u>, treating an eye comprising the step of applying at least one highly fluorinated oligomeric compound of the general formula

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
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 & CR^1 - CR_2 \\
 & | \\
 & (CH_2)_n \\
 & | \\
 & R_F
\end{array}$$

wherein

R<sub>F</sub> is a linear or branched perfluorinated alkyl chain C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>5</sub> to C<sub>12</sub>F<sub>25</sub>,

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from the group H, CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>,

n is selected from the integers 0, 1 and 2, and

x is an integer from 2 to 6,

having a molecular weight of at least 750

to an eye as an ophthalmologic pharmacological treating agent.

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Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the application to the eye is as one of a vitreous body substitute and a retina tamponade.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the application to the eye is as a liquid implant.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the application to the eye is as a tear substitute.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein pharmacological agents are mixed with the highly fluorinated oligomeric compound which acts as a carrier therefore before applying to the eye.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein a plurality of different ones of said highly fluorinated oligomeric compounds are mixed together before applying to the eye.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein said highly fluorinated oligomeric compound is a component of a pharmacological preparation that is applied to the eye.